

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Twenty-third Middlesex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of Twenty-third Middlesex Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (885) of these admissions reside in the Twenty-third Middlesex Representative District. 2% (19) of admissions from the Twenty-third Middlesex Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Twenty-third Middlesex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 69% were male and 31% were female.
- 68% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 90% were white non-Latino, 3% were black non-Latino, 4% were Latino, 3% were other racial categories.
- 68% were never married, 12% were married, and 20% reported not to be married now.
- 21% had less than high school education, 51% completed high school, and 28% had more than high school education.
- 26% were employed.
- 10% were homeless.
- 27% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Twenty-third Middlesex Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	40%	43%	3%	3%	2%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002 Twenty-third Middlesex Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	750	598	225	256	139	212	123
FY '96	817	649	275	289	167	296	171
FY '97	846	658	255	229	149	302	203
FY '98	941	718	270	266	145	359	245
FY '99	985	708	309	298	118	447	334
FY '00	1,085	767	309	342	135	544	428
FY '01	867	580	215	245	71	427	353
FY '02	885	538	189	206	85	415	322